

Harold Hansen, 83

Dec. 13, 1916 – Dec. 19, 1999

AVOCA – Harold LeRoy Hansen was born Dec. 13, 1916, in Shelby County, son of L. Chris and Anna Christensen Hansen, and was one of four children in the family. He attended country school and then graduated from Avoca High School in 1936.

He married Elayne Krummel Jan. 21, 1942, at Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church in Omaha, NE. He served with the U.S. Army during World War II, in the Pacific Theater. They were the parents of two children, Karen and Donald. In March of 1946, they moved to their farm west of Avoca. He served as Caucus Representative during the 1960's for this area. In 1976, they retired and moved to their home in Avoca. Following his retirement, he worked at the Feed Mill in Avoca and also helped out at the Shelby Veterinarian Clinic. Elayne died Aug. 10, 1998. He was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church where he served on the Church Council, and was a member of the Avoca VFW and American Legion Post #227. He died Dec. 19, 1999, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 83 years and six days.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife, Elayne. He is survived by his children, Karen (Keith) Hann of Billings, MT and Dr. Donald Hansen (Cindy) of Avoca; three grandchildren, Kirsten and her husband, Weatherford; and Adam and Vanessa Hansen; three great grandchildren, Keenan, Kelsey and Kailey Weatherford; three sisters, Bernice Jacobsen and Irma Kock (LaVerne), all of Avoca, and Agnes (Lawrence) Gronborg of Walnut; a good friend, Ron Kiesel; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Dec. 21, 1999, at the Trinity Lutheran Church, Avoca, with Mr. Wayne Paulsen officiating. Burial was in the Graceland Cemetery with military graveside rites by the Avoca American Legion Post #227. Casket bearers were Rodney Schueman, Mark Schueman, Ron Kiesel, Steve Evans, Richard Armstrong and Jerry McCarthy. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.